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BZA Campus Plan Decision— At Last!

By Ellie Becker and Michael Thomas

At its February 13th meeting, the Board of Zoning Adjustment rendered its decision on the GWU campus plan, approving it with a long list of conditions. The subject of the most important conditions was on-campus student housing, a major concern of the residents of the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood. The Board appears to have given great weight in their deliberations not only to the D.C. Office of Planning reports, but also to the testimony of the ANC, FBA and other residents.

BZA Stresses On-Campus Housing Needs

The BZA signaled clearly that the university needs to increase undergraduate housing within the campus, mandating that:

1. GWU's full-time undergraduate enrollment on the Foggy Bottom campus be fixed as of February 13, 2001 until 70% of such undergraduates are housed on campus (as the campus boundary was redefined);
2. until the 70% standard is achieved, no applications to build additional facilities on campus will be allowed except those for residential uses and for mixed-use buildings where at least 50% will be residential. This standard would apply, for example, to any proposed use of the current hospital site;
3. after the 70% standard has been achieved, enrollment may increase only on a one-student to one-new-bed basis.

BZA Chair Robert Sockwell explained that the intent was to "provide impetus for more on-campus housing," and to "decrease potential desire for acquisition" of student housing outside the campus. The overall aim is the stabilization of the neighborhood, reflecting the statements of Mayor Williams and his Office of Planning.

Student Behavior

Several measures to mitigate improper student impacts outside the campus were made conditions on approval of the plan. GWU is to establish a mandatory "good neighbor" program for students moving off-campus, and expand its disciplinary program to cover students even if they do not live in GWU-owned properties. It is to maintain and publicize the availability of a 24-hour, 7-day per week hotline as well as access to immediate aid from campus security services. GWU is also to provide students who wish to live off-campus information on and assist-

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FBA Discounts Back!
Your FBA membership card earns discounts at local merchants. See page 3 for new and continuing opportunities to save money and support neighborhood retailers.

Conservancy Nominates FB as "Endangered"

By Tom Bower

One of the organizations active in preserving the character of the area is the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy, a local group of individuals dedicated to preserving the historic character of the neighborhood. There will be a history of the Conservancy in a later edition of the FBNews.

Just recently the Conservancy submitted a nomination document to have the Foggy Bottom Historic District designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's as one of "America's 11 Most Endangered Places."

In 1987, through the valiant efforts of local activists, the area bounded by K Street, 24th Street, New Hampshire Avenue, H Street and 26th Street received the designation as an Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. This, along with intervening zoning protection, has helped preserve the existing low-rise residential neighborhood in the heart of the much

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Appleseed Center Reps at February Meeting

Featured at the February 26 FBA meeting will be two staff members from the D.C. Appleseed Center, the organization which studies and issues reports on various D.C. government operations and advocates for improvements.

The meeting is scheduled for the West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., at 7:30 p.m.

Visiting the FBA will be Joshua Wyner, the Center's Executive Director, accompanied by Sara Pollock, Program Associate. They will discuss the work of the Center and several of its recent projects.

The subjects of the Center's projects run the gamut of city services; in the past year it has issued reports on the structure of the Board of Education and ways to strengthen the operations of the D. C. City Council. The Center played an important role, called "the blueprint for the debate," in the reform and recent vote on the D. C. Board of Education. The study on the Council continues, with several recommendations already having been adopted to foster high-quality legislative operations.

A recent report (December 2000) centered on recommended changes to the D. C. Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC). The OCC is the city's legal staff, and it is represented and advises at all levels of the government. For example, an OCC lawyer sat with the Board of Zoning Adjustment during its hearings on the GWU Campus Plan, and is involved in judgments as to the laws and regulations under which the Board operates. It has also been criticized in recent years for various

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

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Letters

BookFair Gains from FBNews

Another AAFSW BookFair has come and gone, and this year's grossed almost \$81,000; all of the net gain will go toward scholarships—both merit and financial need—and toward donations to some Washington charitable organizations. Obviously, no matter how well Bookfair is planned, if no one comes, it doesn't much matter. As Co-Chairs of the event, Anne Kauziarich and I are very grateful for your willingness to assist us in distributing publicity. You provided us with access which we otherwise would not have had and which, in fact, we have not had in the past. I do hope that we may count on you again.

Mette Beecroft
BookFair Co-Chair
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Mark S. Eken

Mark S. Eken, 92, died January 25 at his home at the Bonwit Plaza Condominium at 24th & H Streets, N.W. Eken, a longtime resident, was a retired petroleum economist with the Department of Interior. Mr. Eken was a native of Bulgaria, grew up in Turkey, and came to the U. S. in his teens. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, and a brother.

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If you are cleaning out your bookshelves, you may wish to donate your books to the West End Library Friends. The group is collecting used books to be sold at the next book sale, with proceeds to benefit the Library. The books may be left at the West End Library at 24th & L Streets, N.W. The space for them is near the table displaying federal and D.C. tax forms, on the left as you enter the library. If you wish a receipt for the books, please see the Librarian.

Update

New Penn. Ave. Plan Shown at FBA Meeting

At the January FBA meeting, Art Lohsen, a local architect, described a new plan his firm has created for a "New Pennsylvania Avenue." He outlined the plan and its origins, and distributed a seven-page document giving details and illustrations of the plan to reopen "America's Main Street" which was closed on the recommendation of the U.S. Secret Service.

The new plan has the road curve into Lafayette Park just opposite the White House, includes security checkpoints, and permits both opening and closing of the Avenue. Traffic circles in front of the Treasury and Old Executive Office buildings, as well as cobblestone paving between 15th and 17th Streets, are designed to slow traffic.

The architectural firm, Franck Lohsen McCrery, with offices on East Capitol Street, is hoping to have the plan examined and evaluated by the District, the White House and the Secret Service.

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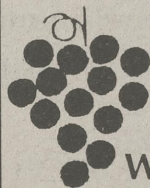
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Becker Beat

The editor's disabling but fleeting illness in mid-January brought with it some interesting new experiences, some good, some bad. A first was being picked up and treated tenderly by the paramedics stationed at No. 23 on G Street. Then two unfortunately interminable sessions in the Emergency Room at GW Hospital, with busy staff and crowds of all kinds of patients. From then to discharge in 36 hours, encountering a very ill roommate and a variety of attendings, residents, nurses, technicians and other personnel. The pain experienced by the ill roommate has caused frequent counting of blessings; the many calls and offers to help from FB friends and neighbors (which were happily accepted) warmed the heart.

An important discovery for this usually healthy person was the number of caring people within those walls on 23rd Street. Yes, there were a couple of bad apples, very much in the minority. The majority were peaches.

The new hospital's mass and especially the loading dock are still repellant, but the people inside? Not at all.

CIC Urges Use of Clean City Website

By Charlotte LeGates

Tired of having a neighbor's loose trash blow into your yard? Concerned that trash cans sitting constantly on the sidewalk will decrease your property values?

The place to begin to solve your problems is the Internet. The District's Clean City Initiative website, <http://cleancity.washingtondc.gov/>, has references and resources to help you make Foggy Bottom and the West End the showplaces they should be.

The site's "Regulations" section explains the requirements the city places on property owners to limit the time during which trash cans can sit on the street, clean sidewalk and gutters, and generally keep property spruced up. R120, "Uncovered Solid Waste Containers," for instance, addresses that blowing trash problem. R160, "Overgrowth of Shrubs, Trees, and Bushes," tells you you're not alone in your concern about bushes that branch out of front yards and force pedestrians on the sidewalk to detour around them.

Armed with the information that you have grounds for complaint, many will find it easy to suggest to neighbors that they can avoid citations from the city by fixing the problem sooner rather than

later. The regulations also give you a set of standards for organizing a block clean-up once the weather starts to warm up, and <http://cleancity.washingtondc.gov/cleanup.htm> tells you how to get a supply of trash bags along with a loan of rakes, brooms, and safety vests.

The regulations also give you information you can use with construction crews in your neighborhood. Did you know that construction equipment is not permitted to trail mud, earth, and rocks onto public space (regulation G840)?

If the problem is too large to address on your own, or if neighbors just won't cooperate, the Clean City website also tells you how to get information to clean streets and alleys, fight rats, get an abandoned vehicle towed away, and report environmental crimes. (Additionally, the Foggy Bottom Association's new Community Improvement Committee is more than willing to help. Contact Rita Champagne at 293-1439 or rchamp_1@msn.com).

The Clean City website isn't just about problems. The site also features photos of clean-up successes, like last spring's Foggy Bottom Beautification Project (<http://cleancity.washingtondc.gov/pgfoggy.htm>).

Charlotte LeGates is a member of the FBA Community Improvement Committee.

A Foggy Bottom 2001 Wish List, Part I

Barbara Kubinski, West End Librarian, wishes that the proposed development in the 2300 block of L Street, if it goes forward, mandates that the Library remain in the area—and on the first floor! Another wish, more immediate, is to have the children's library moved to a spanking new area on the library's second floor.

Anonymous: A sympathetic resident hopes someone or some group might be willing to act as an adult "make-a-wish-foundation" for an elderly FB resident who needs to make a visit to family members across the country. Call Rev. Ruffer, a minister and counselor at the Wendt Healing Center, 202-333-4880.

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Use That Membership Card for Discounts!

For many years various merchants in the area have granted discounts to persons showing an FBA membership card. This past month we reinstituted the program and now can list some continuing and new discount-granters.

Be sure to visit these merchants and "flash your card" to get a double benefit: you spend less money and you support friendly local businesses.

The card also gives FBA members access to the Gelman Library at GWU. Take photo ID as well as your card.

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Favorite Family "Forsakes" FB

By Ellie Becker

Mary and Robert Brewster, one of Foggy Bottom's favorite couples, are leaving their Queen Anne's Lane house for a new



apartment home on Military Road. They have been such an integral part of our neighborhood that they will be sorely missed around here come the Ides of March.

Robert, a retired Foreign Service Officer, served on the FBA Executive for several years, and was FBA president from 1985 to 1987. For many years he has been President of the Friends of the West End Library.

Mary is well known for her multi-year devotion to the 26th Street Park, planting, cleaning, and raking, and she also served on the FBA Board. As well as acting as a faithful FBNews "papergirl," Mary could always be counted on to write letters or make phone calls or circulate petitions, etc., etc.

And—they are just plain fine folks and great friends. There will always be open doors for them in Foggy Bottom, and they better come through those doors again and again.

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Foggy Bottom Folks

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There is something missing from Foggy Bottom's SECOND favorite newspaper, the Georgetown Current. (You must know what is the favorite!) **Max Pizzaro** has been a familiar figure at FBA and ANC meetings, and at those long and sometimes boring hearings which affect our area. He has opted for a life and career in the Big Apple, and will be working for a large diocesan paper and doing freelance writing. He told us he regrets leaving the city, but it just seemed the right time to jump into a new adventure. Fortunately, he has a close relative who lives in Foggy Bottom so he promised to let us know when he's back visiting. Best of luck, Max!

It was a great party for a great lady, a special surprise birthday celebration for **Lucille Molinelli**. Lucille's daughter Jamie engineered the



Lucille Molinelli with son-in-law Chris and daughter Jamie

event with the help of local friends, and the site was Columbia Plaza's Magic Gourd restaurant. There was great food, of course; there were presents and music, and even a special set of words for the apropos Kenny Rogers' song.

Newly-elected ANC Commissioner **Jim Patterson**, who lives on New Hampshire Avenue, got away in December to that heavenly vacation destination, Hawaii. Mayhap he felt he needed a pre-vacation from what will be rigorous duties as a member of that hardworking and dedicated group, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A.

Some more vacationing FBfolks: **Lucia Pollock** has traveled south to Peru to see the sights in that lovely country, and the Grand Canyon and environs were the destination of **Lucille Duprat**.

The regulars at **David Villano's** Foggy Bottom Jazzercise classes recently said a "welcome back" to **Jane Hudak**, who has returned to FB after spending over a year

in Florida. Jane and her husband Ron moved back into their apartment on Pennsylvania Avenue, and she promptly returned to the exercise class she had been missing. Jane is a retired Army nurse who works at Walter Reed Hospital as a patient educator and case manager for prostate cancer patients, and Ron is Associate Dean of the School of Business at Marymount.

Also in the Jazzercise class is **Cynthia Jachles** who lives at Columbia Plaza and has a brand new job at Reagan National Airport, a most convenient commute from Foggy Bottom. The Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority looked at her past experience in a similar position and chose her as Manager of Leasing and Passenger Service. She'll be a busy woman, that's for sure, which we hope will not keep her away from the three-times-a-week exercise sessions.

After 33 years **Suzanne Ganschinetz** has retired from the D.C. Historic Preservation office, and was feted by friends and colleagues at a party in mid-December. Suzanne was not only the staff member of the HP Review Board assigned to our area, but is a resident as well, living at Columbia Plaza. We wish her well and hope her retirement is pleasant and productive.

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"The Bard on the Brink" Is At Arts Club

I Street's Arts Club of Washington is presenting two events devoted to "our city's abundant Shakespearean riches." On February 27, the Washington Shakespeare Company will perform a version of their current production of "Love's Labour Lost," which has been updated to an Edwardian setting with a cast of youthful players. The event

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The next day WETA's Robert Aubry Davis will moderate a luncheon panel discussion at the Club. Participants are Michael Kahn of the Shakespeare Theatre; Joe Banno of the Source Theatre; Barbara Mowat of the Folger Library; and Gitta Honegger of the Catholic University Department of Drama. The cost is \$15. Call 331-7282, ext. 14, for reservations for both events.

The Foggy Bottom Diner

One Fish, Two Fish

By James Patterson

Where to go for sushi? If you live at the Watergate you can get fresh sushi at the deli counter at the Safeway. If you are adventurous enough to travel up to 2423 Pennsylvania Avenue, you will have a treat awaiting you in the form of One Fish, Two Fish, which labels itself as an Asian Cafe.

One Fish, Two Fish offers traditional Chinese delicacies such as soups, fried rice, Lo Mein, noodle soups, and chicken, beef, pork and shrimp dishes; there are also vegetable and tofu dishes. House specialties include General Tso's Chicken at \$8.50, Moo Shu Pork with pancakes at \$8.95, and salt and pepper squid at \$10.95. (I told you there would be something special waiting for you!)

In addition to traditional fare there is the sushi bar which boasts such favorites as California roll, Georgetown roll (vegetarian), eel roll, all sold in combinations, thus giving the sushi lover 12 pieces for \$5.95 at lunch, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays. The sushi chefs at One Fish, Two Fish are able to please the palate as well as the eyes. Prepare your taste buds for such delicacies as Nigiri sushi with your choice of octopus, squid, tuna, shrimp, or other seafood (2 pieces) at \$3.75 and maki sushi with av-

ocado, cucumber, smoked eel, or other seafood (6 pieces), also at \$3.75.

By the way, weekday hours are 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and One Fish, Two Fish is open on Saturdays from noon to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For Watergate residents wanting Chinese on Sunday, when local Chen's is closed, consider trying One Fish, Two Fish but be advised seating is scarce due to brisk trade from local customers.

More on the FB Food Front

The Monarch Hotel, located at 24th & M Streets, has opened a new gourmet coffee bar, featuring an exclusive house blend and delectable pastries. The hotel asked Orinoco Coffee & Tea Ltd. to supply the special coffee beans, and will serve it "in a relaxing setting within the hotel lobby."

And watch the FBNews next time for details of the \$5 million renovation of Blackie's and recipes from its new chef, Claude Rodier.

Locals Among Washingtonian's Top 100

Again Kinkad's, located at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, was given four stars by the Washingtonian, and Marcel's, at 2401 Pennsylvania, also earned two stars in the latest listing. A photo of Marcel's pistachio-stuffed poached pear in puff pastry, with butter pecan ice cream, graced an early page of the article. West 24th, at 1250 24th, was among "20 to watch."

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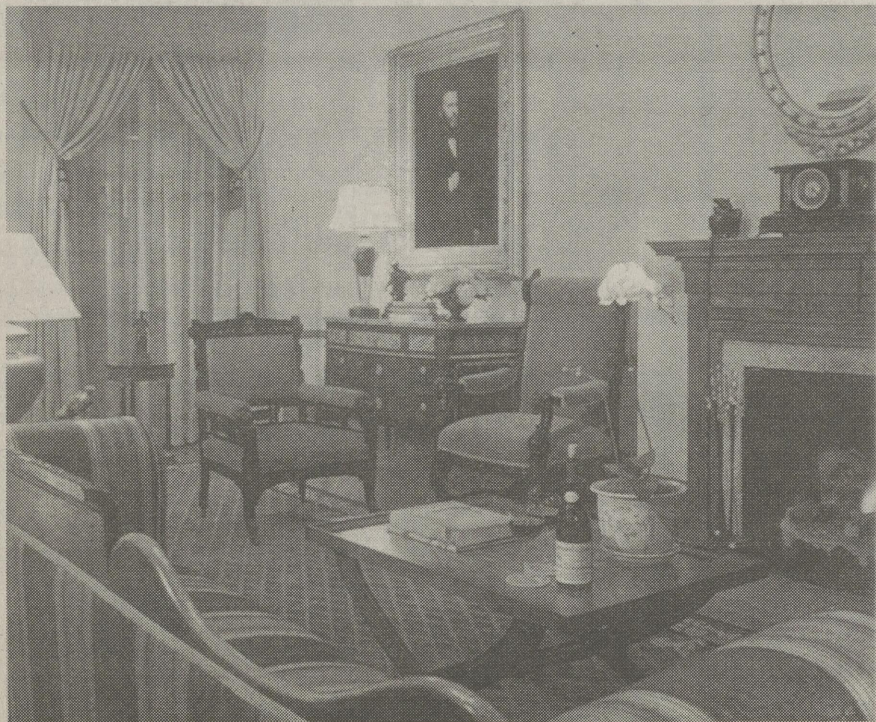
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Nominates, from page 1
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Why Endangered?

With an historic district designation and protective zoning laws on our side, why should we be concerned? Over the last several years, there have evolved serious concerns about the viability of a residential community peopled with long-term residents. Until quite recently, there have been instances where the laws and procedures governing the use of historic buildings as well as the surrounding area were not strictly observed or enforced.

Recommendations made by Foggy Bottom residents, the Conservancy, the local ANC, and the Foggy Bottom Association for changes to GWU's proposal to relocate its hospital to a site bordering the Historic District and to its 10-year Campus Plan were met with great resistance by GWU. The goal of the proposed changes to the hospital plan was to protect the Historic District from the additional noise and traffic it would create and to have it be more sensitive to the scale and aesthetics of its surroundings. Its 60-foot wide loading dock will be across a narrow street from the closest residence and very near to the Historic District. Of particular concern in the GWU Campus Plan is its proposal to add more stu-

dents than beds for them, resulting in increased pressure on the limited housing stock within the Historic District.

The Conservancy is not anti-student, but it has been our unfortunate experience that short-term rental property is not maintained as well as owner-occupied or long-term rental situations. If an historic district isn't maintained it can quickly lose its charm and character.

Nomination Seemed to Fit

When members of the FBHDC saw a nomination form for sites to be considered as endangered, they realized it fit the Foggy Bottom situation quite well. The roof wasn't falling in and there were no bulldozers marching up the street; however many pieces of GW's construction equipment were nearby and omnipresent. But a vibrant living community which isn't vigilant can deteriorate and lose its charm (and value) in a short time. With increased development pressure on all sides and an increase in absentee landlords, the will to continue support of zoning provisions can fall on too few shoulders and come to an end. Facadeification (building a high-rise behind a historic house front) or similar activity can occur and the low-rise residential historic district would become a memory. Does "2000 Pennsylvania"

reflect the original character of the historic Red Lion Row?

Recently, the D.C. government has started to pay greater attention to the concerns of communities challenged by co-existence with universities as neighbors. The Mayor has been listening more intently to residential concerns and some city offices are being supportive of preservation issues. Being considered "Endangered" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation would serve to further support the challenges of preserving a residential historic district in the heart of a vibrant city.

We will keep you informed about the progress of this nomination and other issues involving our community.

(This is the first in a series of articles on historic preservation, in general, and the Foggy Bottom Historic District, in particular. Tom Bower, who lives on New Hampshire Avenue, is president of the Conservancy.)

St. Mary's Court Seeks "Helping Hands"

St. Mary's Court, Foggy Bottom's facility for independent living, has residents who from time to time need help in various ways. Right now the Court is looking for volunteers to share time with someone in need of a visitor, or who can run an occasional errand.

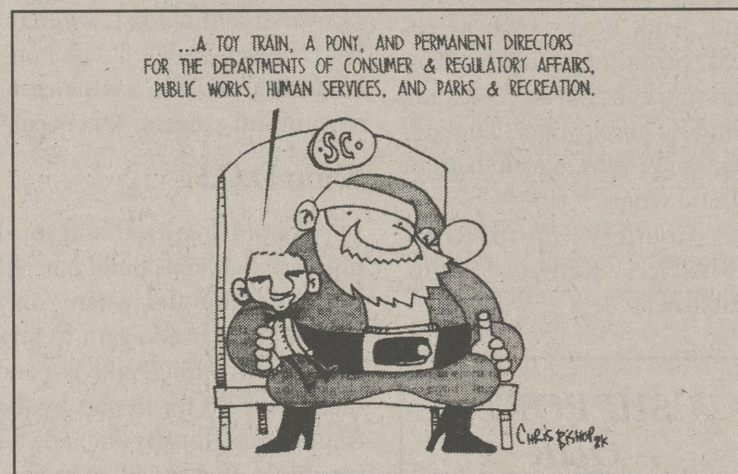
And in line with the statistic that seniors are the most numerous new computer users, the Court is seeking a computer buff to sit with and provide guidance to the residents on the newly purchased computer.

If these tasks are "up your alley," contact Bea Watson or Marifran Langvardt at 223-5712.

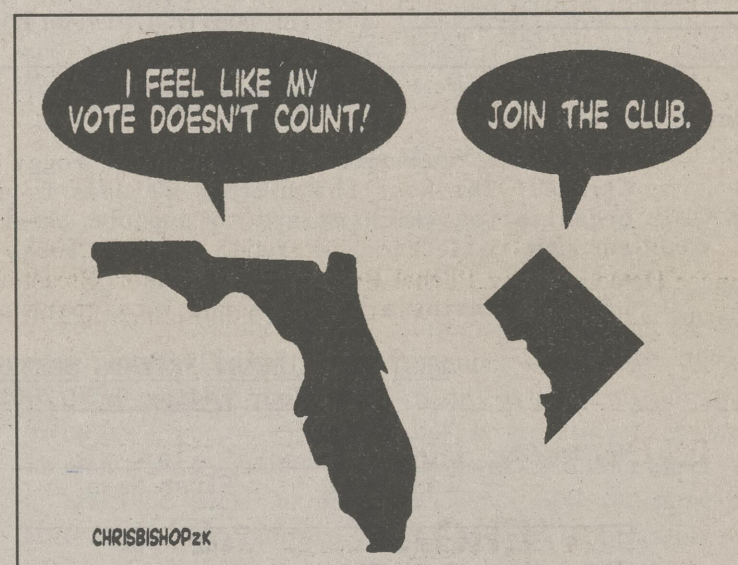
Local Paper's Cartoons Speak Volumes

There is a newspaper in town called The Common Denominator, which covers the whole local scene, as the Current covers the northwest, and the FBNews our little corner of the world. In addition to its wider coverage of D.C., it has an editorial cartoonist

named Chris Bishop. These cartoons appeared several months ago, and at first glance might seem outdated, but are their messages out of date? CD Editor and Publisher Kathryn M. Sinzinger granted the News permission to reprint these cartoons. Home delivery subscriptions are available for \$12 per year; mail to P. O. Box 90962, D.C. 20090-0962, or call 635-6397.



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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, February 26: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Joshua Wyner and Sara Pollock of the D.C. Appleseed Center. All residents are welcome. **West End Library**, 24th & L Streets, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27: Shakespeare's "Love's Labour Lost," updated to an Edwardian setting, performed by the Washington Shakespeare Company. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. \$10 including a reception. For info and reservations, call 331-7282, ext. 14. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28: Luncheon panel discussion, moderated by WETA's Aubrey Davis, on Shakespearean staging and textual relevance in the 21st century. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. \$15. For info or reservations, call 331-7282, ext. 14. 12:30 p.m.*

Friday, March 2: Presentation by David Masci, researcher and staff writer for Congressional Quarterly, specializing in ethics, religion, science and foreign policy issues. TGIF discussion series on workplace faith and ethics, Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. 12:30-1:15 p.m.**

Friday, March 2: Opening of "Artists Within Our Midst" exhibition, featuring paintings and woodblocks by Jonathan Alderfer, oils by Rula Jawdat and Mark Hall, photographs by Robert McNeely, and watercolors by Dale Johnson. Watergate Gallery and Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. For info call 338-4488. Reception, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, March 6: Panel discussion, "The Washington Arts Scene in the 60s," moderated by Andrew Hudson, with Lou Stovall, Jennie Lee Knight, Willem de Looper, and Ben Forgey of the Washington Post. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 I Street, N.W. \$5 including reception. For info and reservations, call 331-7282, ext. 14. 7:30 p.m. (Repeated at a March 28 luncheon.)

Wednesday, March 7: "New Technologies for Early Breast Cancer Detection," by Rachel Brem, M.D., Director, Breast Imaging and Intervention. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.***

Friday, March 9: Presentation by Jerry Eisley, Director, Foxhall Gallery. TGIF discussion on workplace faith and ethics, Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. 12:30-1:15 p.m.**

Tuesday, March 13: "Overlooked Washington, D.C.," brown bag discussion, with Steve Hoglund sharing his in-depth knowledge of the District. Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. \$5. For info and reservations, call 785-2068, ext. 100. Noon-1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 16: Presentation by Robert Egger, Director, D.C. Central Kitchen, recently honored by Oprah Winfrey. TGIF discussion series on workplace faith and ethics, Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. 12:30-1:15 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 21: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting. For info and location, call 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 22: "Brown Bag Pharmacy: Seniors, Review Your Medications," an opportunity to have all medications reviewed by a GW pharmacist, as well as hear a discussion of appropriate medicine use and drug interactions. Renia Mathews, Director, GW Pharmacy. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W., 2:00-4:00 p.m.***

Thursday, March 22: Discussion and book signing, by Catherine Allgor, author of "Parlor Politics: In Which the Ladies of Washington Help Build a City and a Government." Historical Society of Washington, D.C., 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. For info and reservations call 785-2068, ext. 100. HSWDC members free; non-members free with museum admission. 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23: Presentation by Mary Swope, Executive Director (retired) of The Washington Revels troupe. TGIF discussion on workplace faith and ethics, Grace Episcopal Church, 1041 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. 12:30-1:15 p.m.**

Monday, March 26: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with speaker to be announced. Because of remodeling at the Melrose, the meeting will be at a different location to be determined.

* See article on this listing elsewhere in this issue.

** For info call 333-7100.

*** For info and to register, call 1-888-449-3627.

More New Signs

In addition to the new parking restriction signs recently installed in Foggy Bottom, new street cleaning signs have been spotted on Pennsylvania Avenue. As in other parts of town, the signs indicate no parking on days when the city is scheduled to send cleaning equipment.

The local ANC was not notified of this new service, and it appears to be limited only to Pennsylvania Avenue. One resident commented that she had never seen any streets in Foggy Bottom being cleaned. Drop the News a note if you have indeed seen our streets cleaned.

Now, if DPW would only replace all the missing green street name signs!

Wish list, from page 3

Lucille Duprat, longtime resident of 26th Street, longs for a smog-free summer in D.C. so that she can breathe clean air and enjoy pristine blue skies.

Barbara Spillinger, outgoing ANC Chair, hopes that GWU's borders, within the context of the campus plan now being worked on, will mean that the campus really has borders.

Bob Vogt wishes for a parking space in front of his house on I Street, or a law passed that would limit FB neighborhood parking to D.C. Zone 2 permits only.

Lucille Molinelli wishes the new Red Cross building would go away (a difficult one to fulfill), and that the campus plan controversies will be solved soon.

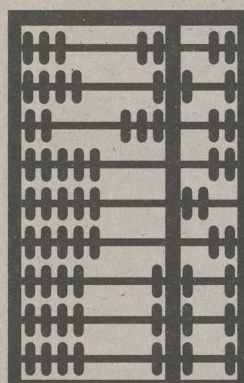
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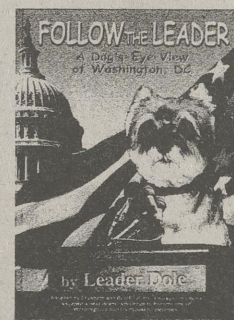
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BZA, from page 1

ance in securing housing and transportation outside of the Foggy Bottom/West End area.

Campus Boundaries and Plan Term Altered

The BZA voted to enlarge the existing campus boundaries by adding several properties to the south of the campus already owned by the university. Now within the campus are the Dakota on F Street, the Riverside Towers on Virginia Avenue, several properties on 22nd and F Streets, and properties owned by GWU in Square 43 (bounded by Virginia Avenue and G and 23rd Streets). GWU-owned properties *not* moved within the campus include the Hall on Virginia Avenue, the Aston, and the former AGC Building at 1957 E Street.

The term of the plan was changed from 10 to 8½ years, to end June 30, 2009.

Parking and New Advisory Committee

A minimum of 2800 off-street parking spaces (100 more than currently) are to be supplied by the university, which may not include those GWU has been using (and may continue to use) at the Kennedy Center.

The Board also accepted the agreement reached earlier by the community and GWU to establish an advisory committee to meet regularly to discuss issues arising in the future. A ten-member committee was mandated, and will have at least quarterly public meetings. Five members are to be selected by GWU and the others by ANC-2A, the FBA and the West End Citizens Association.

Reactions to the Decision

Charles Barber, senior counsel to GWU, called the provisions on enrollment and housing unfair and arbitrary and said that GWU would consider whether to ask for reconsideration or to file a judicial appeal.

Ellie Becker, FBA vice president, called the decision a watershed. FBA president Michael Thomas agreed, and said that much credit is due to the BZA members and also to the Mayor, Office of Planning, and a hard-working and dedicated cadre of residents. "They know who they are," said the two FBA officers.

WG Gallery To Show "Artists Within Our Midst"

The Watergate Gallery & Frame Design is having an exhibition from March 2-April 2 entitled "Artists Within Our Midst." The show features art created by the parents of children attending Key Elementary School located in the Palisades area. Dale Johnson, owner of the gallery, is a resident of Palisades, has two boys who attend Key School, and recognized the talents of the Key School parents.

There will be a variety of artwork: included among the work of the 14 artists participating are paintings and wood-blocks by Jonathan Alderfer (formerly featured at the Gallery); oils by Rula Jawdat and Mark Hall; photographs by Robert McNeely (former Clinton White House photographer and author of "The Clinton Years;"), and watercolors by Gallery owner Dale Johnson.

There will be a reception with the artists on Friday, March 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Gallery, 2552 Virginia Avenue (in the Watergate Mall). The artists have agreed to donate 15% of their sales proceeds to Key School.

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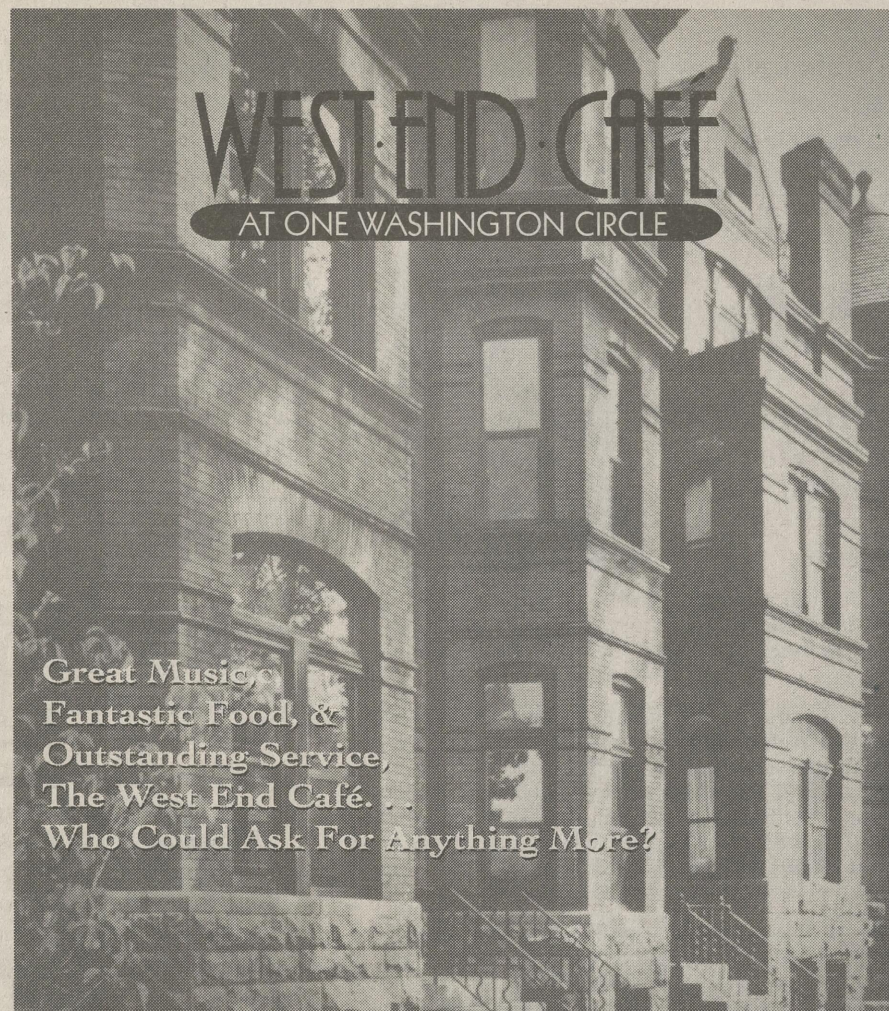
shortcomings. Both Wyner and Pollock were involved in that project.

All residents are invited to attend and hear the Appleseed presentation, as well as reports on the BZA decision on the GWU Campus Plan.

I'm Obsolete

By Mary Catherine Fisher

I never could admit defeat,
But now it's clear—I'm obsolete.
When I hear someone say "dot-com,"
I don't know where they're coming from.
A mystery that I still don't get,
Is what and where is the Internet?
When Larry said he had a mouse,
I said, "Well, fumigate the house!"
Am I the only living female,
Who doesn't understand e-mail?
I always vote and pay my taxes,
But I'm not sure just what a fax is.
Nor do I quite know what it means,
When people go the church in jeans.
It doesn't matter what we wear,
The main thing is that we are there.
Sometimes I must tell myself,
"You're old. You belong on the shelf!"
But really, that's not hard to bear—
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